

FOREST FIRES RAGING

Large Section of Virginia Is Swept by Flames.

HOMES BURNED; LIVES ENDANGERED

Much Damage to Timber and Other Property in Hanover, Mecklenburg, Powhatan and Warren Counties—Some Scenes Spectacular.

FREDERICK'S HALL, VA., April 9.—A large fire occurred about two miles west of Frederick's Hall yesterday at 2 o'clock, raging until about midnight, destroying vast fields of timber and some personal property.

A large stove factory, conducted by A. J. Collins, was destroyed, with a loss of \$4,000 and no insurance.

The fire started from burning brush in a nearby field.

The wind being so high, the heroic efforts of the hands proved useless. The fire wasn't under control until near midnight.

Thousands of Acres Swept.
OFFLEW, VA., April 9.—A disastrous forest fire occurred near here yesterday, burning over thousands of acres of land, destroying much young timber, fences and other property.

Six stacks of hay, belonging to Brackett Vaughan, were burned.

But for the heroic work of neighbors and friends, A. W. Duke would have probably lost his home and out-buildings.

Edward Taylor narrowly escaped losing his barn, stables and horses.

Fires in Mecklenburg.
CHASE CITY, VA., April 9.—Forest fires have been raging about a mile south of here for the last day or two. Aided by a strong northwest wind, the fires have burned a lot of valuable timber and railroad ties that have been cut down in the woods.

At times farm houses were in danger of being burned, but were prevented by the heroic work of the farmers.

Latest reports are that the fires are decreasing and will soon be under control.

It is thought that the fire was started by some one carelessly throwing a match in the dry brush, or by some person burning off new ground. The wind reached a great velocity here yesterday, blowing signs down and dust, and causing much discomfort to travelers.

Powhatan Homes Burned.

CLAYVILLE, VA., April 9.—Reports from various sections of the country are to the effect that forest fires are doing great damage and much valuable timber has been destroyed.

News has reached here of the burning of the home and all the outbuildings of T. Edmund Allen, who lives in Powhatan county, just opposite Clem. station bridge.

Another two-story frame house, belonging to Eldridge Warren, and occupied by his married daughter, near Union church, was burned.

Another house, near the courthouse, belonging to a negro family—William Johnson and wife—was burned the early part of the week.

Great Pyramids of Fire.

MORRISVILLE, VA., April 9.—The most destructive forest fires ever known in this section occurred in the extreme lower end of Fauquier county, and crossed into Stafford this week, and by reason of the high wind blowing last night and the unusually dry condition of field and forest, they spread rapidly, burning the Scraper house and buildings and leaving a burnt path nearly five miles behind it. Several houses caught fire, and were saved only through the most heroic efforts of the fighters.

The scene, while distressing and terrifying, was brilliant after night-fall, the red pyramids of fire shooting high above the tall forest trees, being plainly visible fifteen miles away.

Two other fires near Bleak and Elk Run were large and destructive. All afternoon and half the night the telephone lines were busy carrying news of the fires.

Warren Timber Burns.
FRONT ROYAL, VA., April 9.—A forest fire is raging in the Green Hill

"I WISH I HAD KNOWN OF CHI-NAMEL"

before my floors were refinished" was an expression often heard among the many ladies who attended the Chi-Namel Demonstration at Cadwell's store. I never knew that it was possible for a varnish to stand so much abuse and still be none the worse for wear. Cadwell's ought to do a good business with Chi-Namel and the patent graining system.

The E. W. Cadwell Hardware
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mountain, about 2½ miles from here, and at night the sky is illuminated for miles around. Last night a strong wind fanned the flames high in the air, driving the blaze toward Rappahannock county. Hundreds of acres of valuable timber are being destroyed.

Damage in Southside.
PETERSBURG, VA., April 9.—Destructive woodland fires have been burning for several days past in Prince George and Chesterfield counties, and much valuable timber and cordwood have been burned, also many out-buildings.

Blaze in West Virginia.
CLARKSBURG, W. VA., April 9.—Fire spread from a log heap on the Husted farm, at Dola, Wednesday night and burned over an area of 500 acres. Much valuable timber and fences were destroyed before the fire was gotten under control. For some time it was feared several villages would be burned, but by heroic work of a large number of men, women and children, the flames were checked just in time to save many thousand dollars worth of property.

Incendiary Forest Fires.
ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 9.—Forest fires of incendiary origin, and doing more damage even than those of Tuesday last, which destroyed young poplars on a 10,000-acre reforested tract of George W. Vanderbilt's Biltmore estate, today raged among the virgin forest trees of Pisgah reserve, sweeping over an area roughly estimated at 20,000 acres and doing incalculable damage before checked by rains and the combined efforts of forestry men and small farmers living near the Vanderbilt property.

More Storm Damage Reports.
TORONTO, Ont., April 9.—Reports of the damage from the storm are coming from all points.

At Hamilton several buildings were wrecked and many persons were injured. One man was blown from the roof of a building while another was struck in the face by a jagged end of a board blown from a scaffold. Both are in a critical condition.

Several business houses were unroofed at St. Catherine.

AT THE
The Bell Theatre
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PICTURE PROGRAM
Will be all new today and all good—"Brother Against Brother" will not be shown but will be put on again Monday and Tuesday.

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We have just received another lot of Dutch Collars, special for the Easter trade. To finish your Easter costume wear one of these pretty collars. Made of embroidery, linen and lawn. Prices

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A PLAN OF CAMPAIGN

(Pretty girl in elaborate negligee seated before a silver-littered dressing table doing her hair. Whenever her emotions overpower her she unconsciously brushes harder, slowing down in the more meditative moments. These are her thoughts.)

"It is simply atrocious and unforgivable! I've considered the subject very carefully, very carefully indeed, from all sides, because I believe in always being just, even when you are the injured person. Why, I've considered it fully 15 minutes and I believe my head aches from the intensity with which I've devoted myself to it, and headaches make wrinkles and I'm not going to be such a goose as to start wrinkles in my face because of a man like Winchester Henderson! Not I!"

"I'm not going to give him the satisfaction of knowing that anything he could do would affect me in the least. That's the trouble—how to show proper resentment that will be noticeable even to a stupid person like himself without giving him ground to flatter himself that he has disturbed me."

"Men are so frightfully conceited. They think all they have to do is look at a girl and she is simply overcome with gratitude at being noticed. And Winchester is as bad as the rest, even if he does cover up with that air of retiring modesty. It really is deceitful when you come to think about it."

"Is he thinks for one minute that I'm going to stand his forgetting an engagement with me he is very much mistaken! What if the head of his firm did come to town and keep him and what if his sister did telephone that the baby had the measles and her husband was away and she was scared to death? Little things like that shouldn't entirely upset his mental processes. I wonder that he dared put such feeble excuses on paper!"

"I suppose he fancies that when he calls to-night, as he says he will, I'll receive him as sweetly as usual. Well, I'll fool him!"

"It won't do, however, to go in with a tragedy queen air. I think on the whole I'll be downstairs when he comes, and reading. A person can be almost insultingly rude and absent-minded looking up from a book with an instant's faraway stare as though she couldn't quite place the caller who had just entered. Her subsequent elaborate sweetness doesn't remove the shock he has of feeling there was even an instant's time when she could forget him. But then I'd have to continue being sweet and that wouldn't do!"

"It might be better to come downstairs with my chin not up in the air, but perfectly level, greet him with elaborate politeness and keep the conversation on the most perfunctory society plane just as though he was some one I didn't in the least care about, but was going to be courteous to if I did for it. And be so nice to him that he wouldn't have a single thing to get offended at and yet keep a regular stone wall between us! It would take clever handling, but I could manage that kind of situation very nicely. There's nothing that will so baffle and infuriate a man as that!"

"On the whole, that's too much effort to waste on Winchester. It doesn't matter sufficiently to cause me to exert myself as much as that. I might act just plain bored, reply absent-mindedly and when he tried to repeat his excuses say carelessly, almost as though I were amused at his thinking anything he did affected me, that it didn't matter in the least, that other things which were more important had quite swept it from my mind."

"I could say, 'Oh, did we have an engagement that night?' and then laugh kind of helplessly and murmur something about how shockingly I forget things. That would beat into his brain the novel idea that maybe he wasn't so important after all!"

"I'd just like to stir him up a bit and make him humble and apologetic. I suppose he's too devoted by conceit to have anything like that affect him. He knows there are plenty more girls on earth besides me—silly ones, too, who would be only too glad to have him come to see them."

"You really can't blame the men when girls are so foolish. Annette Billings, now would simply break her neck if she thought there was a chance to get Winchester away from me, and goodness knows when a girl like that starts in it is all up so far as any other girl is concerned. Men are such idiots that way—they always run after a girl who flatters and cajoles them and takes such an interest in them and their careers! Ouch! My, how I pulled my hair!"

"I expect the real clever, subtle person would let even her desire for revenge go if she wanted to outwit a rival who was lying in wait. It would be my cue to receive Winchester as usual, listen sweetly, and forgive with generous magnanimity, thus putting him in my debt. He'd be entranced by my lovely nature, because he really craves in that note. He did seem to be dreadfully ashamed of himself. Maybe he is!"

The more I think about it the more I believe if I want to finish Annette's chances forever and ever and really wipe her off the map it's up to me to do the grand act of forgiveness! I'll wear my pink dress, too! Annette looks a fright in pink!"

"Not that I care in the least about Winchester—but really, it is wicked to cherish revenge!"—Chicago Daily News.

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Terms. Cash. W. E. KITCHEN, Trustee.

WANTED.
WANTED—FIRST-CLASS COOKS. chambermaids, and good help of all kinds. Why not register at once and let the Tidewater Industrial & Employment Association secure you a good position? 2117 Madison Ave. Clitz. phone 260. 10.

WANTED—TUNING & REPAIRING. Inside-player work a specialty. Prompt attention, excellent service, charges moderate. GEO. D. HAMPTON PIANO CO., 210 28th St. 11.

WANTED—ALL WHO ARE THINKING of buying automobiles to call and see the new Ford, \$850. We have several good second-hand touring cars in good order for sale cheap. SHACKELFORD AUTO CO., 234-36 Twenty-fifth street. Both 'phones, No. 51. 4-4-tf.

WANTED—HAULING OF ALL KINDS, especially furniture. E. C. SHIELD, 2401 Chestnut avenue. Bell 'phone 371. Mch 20-3m.

WANTED—TO BUY, SELL OR EXCHANGE furniture and stoves. C. W. LEWIS, 2502 Huntington avenue.

FOR SALE.
FOR SALE—A VERY STYLISH chestnut gelding, four years old, 15.2, weighs about 1,000 lbs. Sound, kind, not afraid of anything. Will ride or drive. Ideal horse for lady. Address GEO. F. ADAMS, Hotel Chamberlin, Fortress Monroe, Va. 11.

BEAUTIFUL SCOTCH COLLIE AND English Setter Pups. Bargain prices. High pedigree. Willoughby Kennels, head Little Bay P. O. Address Norfolk, Va. 15.

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FOR SALE—EGGS FOR SETTING. Rhode Island Reds, White Leghorns, single comb—\$1.00 per 15. H. H. BAILEY, 321 Fifty-fourth street. 10.

NOTICE OF SALE.
Nice House and Lot on South 8'de 45th street, between Huntington and Virginia avenues.

Pursuant to the terms of a certain deed of trust dated February 20th, 1905, of record in the Clerk's Office of the Corporation Court for the City of Newport News, Virginia in Deed Book number 28 at page 116, executed by the Old Dominion Investment Company to W. E. Kitchen, Trustee, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed, and at the request of the beneficiary named therein, the undersigned trustee will offer at public auction, in front of the premises, on Monday, April 12th, 1909, at 2 o'clock P. M.,

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FOR RENT—BRIGHT ROOMS WITH board; modern conveniences. 130 Thirty-first street. Bell 'phone 366. 5-4.

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TO THE CITIZENS OF NEWPORT NEWS, VA.
At the coming primary election to be held in this city under the auspices of the City Democratic party for the purpose of nominating a candidate for High Constable of this city, I shall be a candidate for the office. I do not think I need any introduction to the citizens of Newport News, and if I should be honored with your votes and influence, and be the successful candidate of my party, I shall endeavor, if elected to the office in the general election, to honestly and conscientiously fulfill the duties of the same.
Respectfully,
3-20-tf. ERNEST C. COX.

To the Voters of Newport News:
I have not been urged by my friends to run for High Constable, but I am running just the same, and I urge my friends to vote for me.
J. P. FRALEY
Subject to the Democratic Primary, tf.

To the Voters of Newport News:
I have decided to enter the Democratic primary for nomination as your Representative in the next General Assembly of Virginia.
If nominated and elected, I shall strive to promote and protect the many and varied interests of Newport News, Tidewater Virginia and the State at large as faithfully as I endeavored to do when formerly I had the honor to represent you.
I will most heartily appreciate your vote and assistance. Most respectfully,
L. P. STARNES.

To the voters of the City of Newport News:
I am offering myself as a candidate for the office of Commonwealth's Attorney at the next Democratic primary, and if consistent with your duty, you can give me your support, I shall promise you if elected to serve all faithfully, fearlessly and conscientiously.
Your obedient servant,
1mo. T. J. CHRISTIAN.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS:
Upon the resignation of the Hon. L. P. Starnes as a member of the House of Delegates in 1905, I announced myself as a candidate for the office; and by your generous support was nominated and elected for two consecutive terms. How well I have served you is a matter of record. I now seek renomination at the hands of my fellow Democrats in approval of my course and endorsement of my record, by again returning me to the Legislature.
Respectfully,
W. E. BARRETT.

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BANKRUPTCY NOTICE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the matter of Henry S. Jennings, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy, No. 888.

To the creditors of Henry S. Jennings, of Newport News, in the County of Warwick, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of March, A. D. 1909, the said Henry S. Jennings was duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at room No. 301, Silsby Building, in Newport News, Va., on the 21st day of April, A. D. 1909, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated: Newport News, Va., April 10th, 1909.

JNO. B. LOCKE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
CHRISTIAN & MITCHELL, Counsel
for Bankrupt.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, in the matter of John Monroe Walker, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy, No. 887.

To the creditors of John Monroe Walker, of Newport News, in the County of Warwick, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

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Dated: Newport News, Va., April 10th, 1909.

JNO. B. LOCKE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
ALLAN D. JONES, Counsel for Bankrupt.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, Sixth division. In the matter of Norman E. Hanger, Bankrupt. In Bankruptcy, No. 890.

To the creditors of Norman E. Hanger, of Newport News, in the County of Warwick, and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that on the 7th day of April, A. D. 1909, the said Norman E. Hanger was duly adjudicated bankrupt and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at room No. 301, Silsby Building, in Newport News, Va., on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1909, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

Dated: Newport News, Va., April 10, 1909.

JNO. B. LOCKE,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
W. C. STUART, Counsel for Bankrupt.

SEALED PROPOSALS.
OFFICE OF DEPOT QUARTERMASTER, Newport News, Va., April 7, 1909. Sealed Proposals (in triplicate) will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m. April 24, 1909